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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Final Office Action mailed December 16, 2009 (Paper No. 20091129).

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provides the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-2283.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks.